

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Executive Head Measure Is Up This Afternoon.

FULL TEXT OF WEST BILL

Provides for a Composite Board to Choose a President—An Interesting Communication from One of the Alumni.

Mr. West, of Louisa, offered by request in the House yesterday two companion bills relating to the proposed head of the University of Virginia, which will be of great interest to the people interested in higher education.

The bills, it is understood, were drawn by Messrs. Wyndham R. Meredith, Henry Taylor and other members of the Alumni Association, and it is understood that they represent the views of that body.

One bill provides for a composite board to elect the proposed executive head of the University of Virginia, to be composed of three members of the Board of Visitors, three members of the Alumni Association, and three members of the faculty.

The other simply provides for leaving the fixing of the salary of the new officer to the composite board.

The House Committee on Schools and Colleges has fixed this afternoon at 4 o'clock as the time for hearing argument on the bills, and some lively speeches are looked for.

THE BILL IN FULL.

An act to amend and re-enact section 1548 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the duties of the board and to the control of the University of Virginia.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That section 1548 of the Code of Virginia be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Section 1548. Duties of board; appointment and removal of professors and president; appointment of bursar and procurator; duties of faculty and president to advise and represent the board; water supply.

1. The said board shall be charged with the care and preservation of all the property belonging to the University. They shall appoint as many professors as they deem proper, and with the consent of two-thirds of the whole number of the visitors may remove any professor. They may prescribe the duties of each professor, and the course and mode of instruction.

2. They shall appoint a president of the University, who shall be chairman of the board of the faculty, and with the consent of two-thirds of the whole number of the visitors may remove him. Such president shall be appointed as follows and not otherwise:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The board, on or after the first day of January, 1905, the General Society of the Alumni of the University shall respectively appoint or elect in such manner as each body may prefer for itself a committee of three of its members, who shall constitute a joint committee to nominate to the board one or more suitable persons for the office of president, one of whom the board may appoint; or in its discretion, the board may reject all the nominees and after the lapse of the same time, elect a new committee, or one similar constituted for further nominations, in which case, such joint committee shall nominate one or more other persons, and so on until the president is chosen by the board.

In the election of a president of the University under the provisions of this act at any time prior to the first day of January, 1905, appointment of election of the three members of the alumni to act as members of said joint committee shall remain in James B. Sener, R. T. W. Duke, James T. Henson, Edward Echols, Armistead C. Gordon, L. T. Hanes, R. C. Minor, H. D. Bruns, John D. Patton, and their successors in office, being the Executive Committee of the General Society of the Alumni of the University of Virginia.

The said joint committee shall select, from among the persons named in the above list, until January 1, 1906, have the authority to select and appoint three alumni of the University of Virginia, not members of the said Executive Committee, nor of the faculty of the University, nor of the Board of Visitors, to serve on said joint committee, and these restrictions shall apply to the selection of alumni to so serve.

SEALING NOT BE ELIGIBLE.

During the period for which he is appointed a member of the faculty of the Board of Visitors, and for four years thereafter, no member of the faculty nor of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia shall be eligible to the office of president of the University of Virginia.

Each joint committee shall elect a chairman and secretary, and a majority of the whole number shall constitute a quorum. And if it should happen that one of the said constituent committees fails to meet, or is unable to meet, or is unable to act, it shall not affect the legal standing of the joint committee, its determinations, but the quorum shall remain as before a majority of five. A vote of a majority of those present shall be necessary to a nomination.

Whenever the necessity of such joint committee is necessary, the members of the board shall issue to the secretaries of the faculty and of the General Society of the Alumni, respectively, a call for the selection of their constituent committees. The joint committee shall hold its first meeting at the University of Virginia, and thereafter at such place as it may determine. If the said joint committee should unreasonably delay the making of nominations, the board or the rector, if authorized by the board, may revoke the authority of the committee, and may issue a call as before for the selection of a new joint committee constituted as above described.

ACTING PRESIDENT.

While the selection of a president is pending, or in case of his absence, death, resignation, removal, sickness or disability, the board shall provide for the selection of an acting president, who shall exercise the functions of president and chairman until a president shall be appointed as heretofore prescribed.

3. The board may appoint a bursar and procurator, and employ any other agents or servants, regulate the government and discipline of the students, and the rent of the hotels and in respect to the government and management of the University, do all things as they may deem expedient, not contrary to law.

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sewage for the University, they shall have authority to acquire such springs, lands and rights of way as may be necessary, according to the provisions of chapter 46.

VIEWS OF AN ALUMNUS.

In connection with the above and in regard to a recent publication signed "XXX" on the "Faculty Bill," an alumnus of the University writes as follows: Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir—As the matter affecting the University of Virginia comes before the committee of the Legislature this afternoon, I trust that you will allow me enough of your space for an expression of what my own thoughtful consideration of it corresponds with these views.

In the first place, there is no "Faculty Bill" before the Legislature, so far as I have been able to learn. The faculty did offer certain suggestions to the Board of Visitors as to what were the views of its members on this subject, but no vote of confidence to the institution with which they have been connected for periods varying from a few years to a generation. They, however, have not gone into the Legislature, but have been left to the faculty.

On the other hand, the alumni of the University have seen fit to ask the enactment of a measure covering the nomination and election of a president, and as that measure provides in its main feature for a nominating board similar to that discussed by "XXX," I shall state some of the reasons why I hope that it will be adopted.

Before doing so, however, I wish to direct the attention of "XXX" to the fact that his conclusions as to the doubtful results that will follow the adoption of the "XXX" Bill, as he states them, seemed based upon the resolutions on the president's powers contained in what he calls the "suppressed clauses." As no such clauses have been proposed to the Legislature at any time by anybody, I take it that he has misinterpreted the resolutions, and direct my remarks to that main feature of a nominating committee. He objects to this committee because it divides the responsibility and hampers the action of the board.

He thinks the plan suggested is in conflict with a primary axiom of good government. It does not seem to have occurred to "XXX" that a primary election to indicate to a body having authority to elect an officer the choice of the people with whom the officer has most to do and whose cordial support he needs, is not unusual in well-governed America. It has been more than successful as a method of obtaining satisfactory officials.

As is now well known the plan under discussion provides for a nominating committee of nine—three from the board, three from the faculty and three from the alumni.

The board, if there were no such committee, would probably adopt the usual method and appoint its own subcommittee to make nominations. We merely propose to assist that subcommittee.

Why not?

AID THE PRESIDENT.

In spite of what "XXX" says, we think that the president, who must work with the faculty, will have his success much aided by having been thus nominated by the faculty represented on the Nominating Board. He will also have more cordial support from the alumni, because of their representation. His support by the board is assured, as that body always has absolute power to appoint or call for no other nomination, being at no time bound to accept a nomination as final.

Will "XXX" deny that even President Eliot would have made Harvard a broader success had he not the cordial support of his faculty and students—his granting the contention that he has it not?

President Woodrow Wilson, whose sudden but, I might suggest, not unexpected election, held, as is stated, in order to destroy factions in the faculty, seems to have strong support from faculty, students and alumni.

Alumni, Men suitable for such a position are not easy to find. They are not well known to business men, such as compose boards of visitors. Their success is not such as to cause them to be well known in lines familiar to such men.

Of course, good presidents may have been chosen by such boards with no suggestions of any sort from their faculties, but is it not true that the faculties are more apt than any others to know what men are suitable and obtainable?

With a vote of but three in nine in the nominating committee, all of whose nominations may be rejected until the board's views are ascertained, I do not think the faculty will have dangerous power.

To be sure, the faculty members may attend all the meetings, but as the meetings will not be frequent, probably more than once every ten years, the members from the board, as well as from the alumni, will be likely to find it possible to be present.

GOOD MEN.

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Can it be said that such men and their successors are not to be trusted to make suggestions and have a voice in nominating the man in their own line of life who is best fitted for controlling the destinies of the university?

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ONE OF THE ALUMNI.

GOES TO SUFFOLK

Rev. Mr. West to Institute a Temperance Campaign There.

The Rev. J. W. West, field secretary of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, leaves this morning for Suffolk, where he will at once set about a stirring temperance campaign.

Suffolk is one of the cities which has been overlooked by the league in its sweep over the State, and Mr. West goes out now to get things started there. He has not notified the people of his coming and he will probably take the town by surprise. As soon as he arrives he will hold a conference with the local pastors and arrange for the organization of an Anti-Saloon League.

An Entertainment.

An entertainment was given Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spawt, at the residence, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Furrer, of New York City. Mrs. Furrer is a sister of Mr. Spawt. The parlors were nicely decorated for the occasion. The evening was spent in singing songs and in all-around very enjoyable evening. Mr. Samuel Stern was toast-master. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. Spiegel, Mr. and Mrs. H. Branstetter, Mr. and Mrs. Greenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Brody, Mr. Joe Spiegel, Miss Marie Weinstein, Miss Mary Weinstein, Miss Florence Scheer, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Solomons, Mr. and Mrs. Spiegel, and Mr. L. Solomons.

Mr. and Mrs. Furrer will make their future home at No. 1215 East Main Street, this city.

Examinations Now On.

The regular semi-yearly examinations in the public schools of the city began yesterday morning, and until next Monday afternoon the students will be kept busy in trying to answer the many questions which have been submitted to them. The examinations in the primary schools have been in progress all of the week, and are now about over.

Tobacco Sales.

Sales of loose tobacco on the Richmond broke yesterday were of an exceptionally fine order. Prices were excellent, and the market was stiff and firm. A total of 175,395 pounds were handled.

Dr. Evans to Lecture.

Dr. W. E. Evans will lecture to-night at Monumental Episcopal Church on "The Philosophy of Fun." The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Workingmen's Club, and will be for the benefit of the kindergarten.

Shockoe Council to Meet.

An important meeting of Shockoe Council, Royal Arcanum, will be held to-night at the Masonic Temple. The detailed review of the work of the past year will be passed upon.

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Bartenders' Ball.

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The following committee of Arrangements: Messrs. J. H. B. Ryan, A. L. Morris, James Kain, C. A. Sherry, J. N. Bockigal, R. F. Davis and E. Alkers.

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Total Runs Nearly a Million Pounds Ahead of Anything Heretofore.

According to the report for January, just issued by the Inspector of the Richmond Tobacco Trade, there has been more loose tobacco handled on the local market during the past four months than at any corresponding period in the past ten years. The fact is not worthy of note and is a source of gratification to members of the Trade.

With two exceptions the total runs a full million pounds and more ahead of anything which has gone before. The report shows that 5,106,484 pounds have been handled, and that last year the extent of the trade up to this point had amounted to only 3,555,414 pounds. The nearest approach to the present total was in 1894, when the sales footed up 5,948,906 pounds.

Two other striking facts in the report are that the stock of tobacco in Richmond is gradually decreasing and is to-day smaller than at any time in five years, and that inspections are also on the down grade.

An abstract of the report is as follows: Receipts of loose tobacco: For the three months ending December 31, 1902, 4,002,945 pounds; for the month ending January 31, 1903, 1,102,539 pounds.

Total for four months ending January 31, 1903, 5,106,484 pounds; total for the same period in 1902, 3,555,414 pounds; in 1901, 3,133,557 pounds; in 1900, 4,310,164 pounds; in 1899, 4,020,334 pounds; in 1898, 5,546,279 pounds; in 1897, 2,479,272 pounds; in 1896, 2,314,319 pounds; in 1895, 2,000,290 pounds; in 1894, 5,948,906 pounds; in 1893, 5,662,903 pounds.

Total stock on hand January 31, 1903, 9,098 hogheads and 217 tierces and boxes; in 1902, 9,811 hogheads and 889 tierces and boxes; in 1901, 10,090 hogheads and 947 tierces and boxes; in 1900, 10,425 hogheads and 1,339 tierces and boxes; in 1899, 12,411 hogheads and 435 tierces and boxes. Decrease in stock in January, as per warehouse reports, 233 hogheads.

Total receipts for four months ending January 31, 1903, 1,559 hogheads and 330 tierces and boxes—less than at any time in the past five years.

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SILVER SERVICE TO REV. MR. BETTY

The Congregation of Clay-Street Church Remembers Its Beloved Pastor.

The Rev. L. B. Betty, pastor of the Clay-Street Methodist Church, was the recipient on Tuesday night of a handsome silver service, given by his congregation. The ladies of this church learned some weeks ago that their pastor would be fifty years old on Tuesday and decided to give him a surprise party. They made every preparation for a sociable at the church and on Sunday requested the announcement made, and invited all friends of the congregation to be present.

There was a large attendance at the time stated, and after a delightful evening of music and recitations by some of Richmond's best talent, the pastor was presented with the service by the Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, of the Broad-Street Church.

Mr. Betty was taken completely by surprise, as the matter had been kept a secret, not even the members of his family having any knowledge of such intention. Refreshments in abundance were served and the evening passed pleasantly to one and all. Some of those who entertained were Mr. and Mrs. Cloves, Miss Johnson, Miss Adkinson, Toben Company, Mr. Reginald Walker.

This is Mr. Betty's fourth year at this church. He is known and loved by many outside of his own charge, as well as by his own people. The ladies who planned and executed the entertainment deserve especial credit for the pleasure of the evening, which was unanimously voted the most pleasant sociable in the history of the church.

THE TOBACCO FIGHT

Two Richmonds Are Elected Officers in New Organization.

The greatest interest is taken here in tobacco circles in the developments in Washington in connection with the movement on the part of the independent manufacturers against the use of prize schemes and so on in the retail tobacco trade.

Quite a number of the local tobacco men are now at the national capital in the interests of the matter. Among them are: Mr. C. D. Larus, of Larus Bros. & Co.; Mr. Thomas B. Scott, Mr. Campbell and Mr. John Landstreet, of the United States Tobacco Company; Mr. Adolph Osterloh, of the Halpin-Newcombe Tobacco Company, and others.

Two of the Richmonds were elected officers of the new Independent Tobacco Manufacturers of the United States, the organization formed Tuesday night. Mr. Landstreet was made president and Mr. Osterloh treasurer.

A VIEW ON THE CHILD LABOR BILL

Religious Paper Hopes That There Will Be Just and Humane Legislation.

Two of the religious papers this week have voiced, in interesting comments upon two measures now pending in the State Legislature—the Cabell child-labor bill and the Claytor dispensary bill.

Concerning the former, the Central Presbyterian says:

"The issue of the entirely unnecessary for any one to say that he is in favor of legislation necessary for the restriction of any child-labor that is oppressive and injurious. But there has been a large amount of exaggeration, and most denunciations where there is no information. Many people have taken the matter in hand who have no personal knowledge whatever of the facts and conditions. Like many other things, the question of legal restriction of child-labor is a very complex one. The State Legislatures of the South are giving the conditions thorough inquiry, and out of this we hope will come legislation that is just and humane. Compulsory education seems to be a necessary adjunct to any laws that drive the boys and girls out of the factory into the streets."

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TESTS OF SPEED ON THE SABBATH

Grounds and Buildings Committee to Grapple With the Speedway Matter.

At a meeting of the Grounds and Buildings Committee to-night an effort will be made to finally settle the difference between the City Engineer and the Stewart Iron Works, contractors for the new city jail, as to whether the latter should be required to make a deduction on the contract price for the long delay over the completion of the building.

At a meeting of this body, held last Monday afternoon, it was decided to allow the contractors nearly six thousand dollars for extra work, and now an attempt is being made to offset at least a portion of this sum by charging them for the delay.

Mr. W. N. Bowman, representative of the Stewart Iron Works, does not believe that the city can hold this company accountable for the delay, which he maintains was occasioned by the numerous changes in the plans and